

LOCAL MATTERS.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—War Department, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C., May 3, 1876.—10:30 a. m.—In the Middle States falling followed by rising barometer, cold northerly winds, backing to westerly, and light rains from Virginia to Eastern New York, clearing away to night.

THE ELECTION TO-MORROW.—In pursuance of the resolution of the City Council, the question of the ratification or rejection of the amendment to the City Charter will be presented to the people to-morrow. Polls will be held at the following places: 1st ward, No. 34 Prince street; 2d ward, No. 42 North Fairfax street; 3d ward, Room in E. corner of old Court House (up stairs); 4th ward, Perspener's house, on Duke street, between Columbus and Alfred. The question to be submitted was the engrossing subject of conversation on the streets to-day, and in fact has been for several days past, and the friends of the amendment are active in their endeavors to secure votes in its favor.

COMMITTEE MEETING.—The Committee on Public Property held a meeting last night and considered several matters of interest. In regard to the question of prohibition of the sale of fresh meats elsewhere than in the market, the committee determined to report a recommendation that it be referred to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

On the application of the owners of the houses lately destroyed by fire at Fishtown, praying the Council to become responsible for their rents, the committee decided to recommend that the Council make an arrangement with the lessees of the Fish-town to remit the rent, by allowing them a drawback equal to the amount of rent of all persons who have rebuilt their houses.

The committee referred the question of the ownership of the lot east of the jail to the Corporation Attorney. They also determined to advise that iron bedsteads be purchased for the use of the prisoners in the jail, as recommended in the late report of the jail inspectors.

After acting on some bills of an unimportant nature, the committee adjourned.

THE COAL TRADE TROUBLES.—The hitch between the New Central Company and the Consolidation Company has been removed by the consent of the former company to pay the old freight rates, under protest, however. The New Central will send about 400 tons a day over the Pennsylvania Railroad and some six or eight boat loads by canal a day. This action of the New Central Company is taken in consequence of the standing contracts mentioned in yesterday's Gazette.

The Cumberland Times of yesterday says:—"We are now satisfied that there was nothing in the rumor alluded to yesterday in reference to the resumption of coal shipments by the Maryland Company. So far from having any idea of shipping that company has through its agents notified some of its miners to look out for employment elsewhere, as the Maryland mines will not likely be worked for some time yet—at least not until rates are obtained which will give that company an opportunity to compete with the Clearfield region. That region is now putting its coal in the market sixty cents per ton cheaper than any company in this region can possibly do it, excepting perhaps the Consolidation. Resumption is therefore a matter impossible until relief is afforded."

FISH REPORT.—Affairs at Fishtown begin to improve and prospects are much brighter. Should receipts continue to increase as they have in the past few days there will yet be a tolerably successful season. The fish which yesterday and to-day presented a scene of activity and bustle which reminded one of Fishtown in its palmiest days, vessels were lying four or five deep waiting an opportunity to discharge their cargoes, and the engine was covered with fish and fish cutters. Under the influence of the large increase in arrivals, prices have somewhat declined. Since yesterday's report there have been received about 11,000 shad and 200,000 herrings. Shad sold at \$15 to \$17 per hundred and herring from \$10 to \$12 per thousand. Some few sturgeon, rock and perch are received, but not enough to be quotable.

COLORADO RADICALS.—A large number of the colored Radicals of the second ward met at the usual place, opposite the W. & O. depot, last night, to discuss the amendment to the city charter. No doubt their highly educated minds solved the problem of the "legislative monstrosity" to their own satisfaction, as all, upon leaving, declared their intention to vote for the amendment. Of course the large body of the non-tax paying negroes will vote so, as they will thereby probably secure the election of several negroes as policemen and perhaps to other offices.

ACCIDENT TO A STEAMER.—The steamer Jane Mosely, which was running in the place of the John W. Thompson, which is temporarily laid up for repairs, when off Maryland Point, about fifty miles down the river, yesterday, blew a small hole in her smoke box, and was thereby disabled. The engineer, Charles Bulky, was badly scalded about the feet by the escaping steam, but no one else was hurt. The Mosely was towed up at an early hour this morning by the tug Johnson Brothers, and now lies at her dock in Washington undergoing repairs. She will not be ready to go on the route again before Tuesday.

WASHINGTON'S RELICS.—The Washington Chronicle says: "There is quite an extensive collection of relics in the lodge room of a Masonic society in Alexandria which should have a place in the Centennial Exhibition. Most of the objects referred to belonged to Washington, and would be viewed with great interest by all patriotic persons." The question of sending the relics, alluded to above, to the Centennial was broached in Washington Lodge some time ago, but no determination regarding it has, as yet, been reached.

HYDRAULIC STEAM FIRE ENGINE COMPANY.—The regular monthly meeting of this company was held last night, with H. J. Nevett in the chair, and B. P. Turner, Secretary. One active and one contributing member were elected, and three names proposed for active membership, which were referred to the Election Committee.

Some other business of no public interest was transacted, and the meeting adjourned.

SHIP YARD.—The schooner Calvin P. Harris is still on the ways at the ship-yard, being caulked and otherwise repaired. The steamer City of Alexandria was also at the yard this morning having a new smoke-stack put on. She resumed her trips this afternoon. Work on the new schooner now being built there is progressing well.

VESSEL RAISED.—The schooner W. S. Brewster, whose capsizing and sinking near Craney Island, on Sunday, has been previously reported in the Gazette, was towed into shallow water and raised yesterday, by the tug Smith Pettit. The Brewster was not injured and proceeded on down the river after fish.

THE CORPORATION ATTORNEY'S OPINION. It is reported on the streets that the Corporation Attorney has given it as his opinion that if the amendment to the city charter be adopted, every officer and employee of the city, from mayor down to scavenger, will have to be elected by the people.

Nathan O. Bond, of Fairfax county, has been granted a patent for an improvement in portable washstands.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The store of Mrs. S. Ludbeimer was thronged all day yesterday and to-day with ladies engaged in looking over and admiring the beautiful display of Spring goods, just opened there. The stock comprises some of the most elegant styles of hats, bonnets, flowers and other trimmings ever exhibited in Alexandria.

The miners lately sent up to work the copper mine, in Fauquier county, belonging to the Alexandria Company, have commenced operations, and will send the first car load of ore to Boston. Samples sent to this city are as rich as desired.

Capt. John C. Graham, of this city, has received an award of \$2,000 from the Alabama Claims Commission, for damages sustained by him in being captured by a Confederate cruiser during the war.

The largest load of fish received here this season came yesterday from Chapman's shore, and contained 40,000 herrings. This looks like the fish were beginning to come up the river in earnest.

Mr. Thomas Cross, who had both of his legs cut off by railroad cars, over a year ago, was out for the first time since the accident, this morning, and took an airing in the wagon belonging to the Hydraulic Fire Company.

A traveling showman, with educated birds, amused the passers by in various parts of the city to-day, and gathered in a good deal of loose change.

G. W. M. Simms, who is a candidate for Commonwealth's Attorney, will speak in favor of the amendment to the City Charter in the market place to-morrow.

In the Court of Appeals, on Monday, in the case of Grigsby vs. Simpson et al., from the Circuit Court of Fairfax, superseades refused by all the judges.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Otterback, of the White House farm, will vacate their residence on the 15th of June, and travel through the West, to be absent until the early part of September.

The farm "Blue Plains, in Prince George's county, Md., opposite this city, has been sold to W. W. Hays at \$200 per acre. It contains 28 3/4 acres.

The Union prayer meeting will be held to-night in the Methodist Protestant Church at 8 o'clock.

There will be a called meeting of the Conservative Committee, at the Auditor's office, to-night at 8 o'clock.

ARRESTED ON SUSPICION.—A young woman named Jennie Havenner, was arrested at Guilford to-day by Constable Thompson, of Falls Church, and brought down on the W. & O. train to the latter place, on suspicion of being the woman who threw her child into the well of Mr. Fowler, as noticed in yesterday's Gazette. She came home from Washington on the day Mr. Fowler saw the woman at his station, but bitterly denies having stopped at Falls Church, although some of the railroad men say that she did.

POLICE REPORT.—Since yesterday's report the following cases have been examined at police headquarters:

James Welch, a tramp, for disorderly conduct, was ordered to leave the city.

Henry Carter, Smith Seal and James Henderson, colored boot blacks, for disorderly conduct at the corner of King and Fairfax streets, were fined and discharged.

Ten lodgers were accommodated at the station house last night.

A little son of W. A. Withers, and nephew of Senator Withers, was accidentally shot and killed by his brother, in Campbell's office, last Sunday.

We have tried Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup in our family, and can assert that it is the best remedy for a cough or cold ever introduced. Price, 25 cents.

The County Republican Convention to nominate a candidate for the Legislature will be held at the County Court House, on Monday, May 15th. Ward and township meetings will be held at the usual places on May 9th, at 7:30 p. m.

A meeting of the Sun Fire Company will be held at their hall to-night at 8 o'clock.

There will be a mass meeting of the Republicans of Jefferson Magistrate District on the 5th instant, at 7:30 p. m., to elect three delegates to the County Convention, to be held on the 15th, to nominate a candidate for the Legislature. The meeting will be held at the colored school house, and at the same time and place five delegates will be elected to the County Convention to nominate county officers.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

By virtue of a deed of trust, given to me, dated December 1, 1873, and recorded in Liber Q. No. 4, folio 298, one of the land records of Fairfax county, State of Virginia, I will proceed to sell, by public auction on MONDAY, the 15th day of May, A. D. 1876, at 12 o'clock, noon, in front of the Court House, at Fairfax Court House, Virginia, all that certain tract of land, situate and lying in the county of Fairfax, and State of Virginia, more fully described in said deed, containing 275 acres of land, more or less, and being the same property conveyed by Thomas R. Love, commissioner, by deed duly recorded and filed June 30, 1870, to J. C. W. together with all the appurtenances to the same belonging or appertaining.

Terms: \$2,000, with interest from December 1, 1873, and the cost and expenses of sale, cash; the balance in equal notes, bearing eight per cent. interest, in one and two years. A conveyance, interest, in one and two years. A conveyance, interest, in one and two years. A deposit of \$500 required at purchase.

my 3-td CHARLES MADE'S, Trustee.

NEW BOOKS AT FRENCH'S.

The Dilemma, a novel, by the author of "The Battle of Dorking," 75c.

Wye, Hazel, by the author of "Wide Wide World," "Guerrilla," etc., 50c.

Kitchen edition of Common Sense in the Household, by Marion Harland, \$1.75.

A New Guide, by Stanley Hope, author of "Geoffrey's Wife," \$1.50.

Plato's Best Thoughts, from Prof. Jewett's Translation of the Dialogues of Plato, by Rev. C. H. A. Bulky, A. M., \$2.50.

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